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FOR AMBASSADOR EDMONDSON FROM MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PORC, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: VORSTER INTERVIEW ON SATV

1. EKSTEEN PASSED TO ME THE TEXT OF VORSTER'S AUGUST 1
INTERVIEW WITH CLIF SAUNDERS ON SATV. TRANSCRIPT
INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: BEGIN TEXT.

QUESTION: IF THINGS GO WRONG -- IF ALL THIS DOES LEAD
TO A CONFRONTATION, ARE WE PREPARED TO COPE WITH THE CON-
SEQUENCES OF A CONFRONTATION -- FOR INSTANCE MR. DON
MCHENRY I HEAR HAS ALREADY SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES
NOT HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT.

REPLY: I DON'T KNOW IF MR. MCHENRY SAID THAT. MR. MCHENRY
WILL HAVE ANOTHER GUESS COMING IF HE DID SAY SO...BECAUSE
WE ARE IN HONOUR BOUND TO MAKE SOUTH WEST AFRICA INDE-
PENDENT. AND SO THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS ARE HONOUR BOUND
TO MAKE SOUTH WEST AFRICA INDEPENDENT BEFORE THE END OF
THE YEAR. AND IF OTHER PARTIES DON'T WANT TO CARRY OUT
THEIR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY, IF THEY DON'T ABIDE BY
THE AGREEMENT THEN WE WILL HAVE NO OPTION -- WHATEVER
THE CONSEQUENCES -- TO MAKE SOUTH WEST AFRICA INDEPENDENT.
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AND WE CANNOT BE SCARED OFF BY THREATS, BY SWAPO OR
ANYBODY ELSE FOR THAT MATTER. END TEXT.

2. SAUNDERS' STATEMENT IS UNSUBSTANTIATED, UNTRUE, AND
SLANDEROUS, AND I HOPE YOU WILL FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SAY AS MUCH TO FOURIE OR BOTHA. YOUNG

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